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Congressman Dent hails legislation to clamp down on voter fraud, secure voting rights

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) voted for H.R. 4844, the Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006, which will cut down on voter fraud and illegal voting and assure fair elections throughout the United States. The bill passed 228-196.

The bill requires voters produce valid identification as proof of citizenship in order to vote. This requirement will cut down the number of fraudulent votes that undermine the fairness and credibility of elections. It will also prevent non-citizens from voting.

“Voting is the sacred right of every American, and it is an outrage that illegal voting casts a shadow over our democracy,” Congressman Dent said. “Voters are already required to register and sign in at the polling station. This bill takes the next logical step, that they show ID at that time.”

The legislation is based on a recommendation by the bipartisan Baker-Carter Commission, which was led by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker. The Commission gave a series of recommendations toward the standardization and integrity of federal elections in the United States.

The law will go into effect in phases during the 2008 and 2010 federal elections, allowing states to make proper provisions for voters who currently lack identification.

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